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The art is listed in the attached PTO form and is attached. Art is also attached that was previously cited in an IDS filed in connection with a design patent application filed by Applicant, Docket No. 10016DES.

Respectfully submitted,

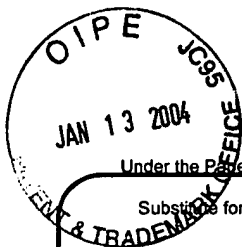


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